

oppose HBS48

I am writing to ask you to OPPOSE the legislation HB 548. We travel to Montana regularly for vacations with our dogs, for dog shows, and hope to move to the state within the next ten years. If HB 548 passes, we will no longer be spending any of our time or money in your state. I'd like to retain the right to purchase a dog from a responsible hobby breeder from Montana as well. This Draconian bill is a death knell for responsible breeders in your state; not just 'puppy mills' etc.

In the last three years, dog showing alone has brought over \$72 million dollars revenue into the state of Montana. Myself and thousands of others will be among those who will take our money elsewhere should this bill pass. We will no longer consider Montana as a vacation destination or future home if this passes, either.

Please vote NO on HB 548. Thank you,

Beth Kingdon Marcus, Iowa